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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/803,957

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For: ASSEMBLY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A
HOLLOW MECHANICAL PART BY DIFFUSION
BONDING AND SUPERPLASTIC FORMING, USE
OF SUCH AN ASSEMBLY AND PROCESS FOR
MANUFACTURING SUCH A MECHANICAL PART

Group Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: Aboagye, M.

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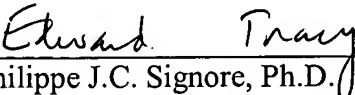
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 21, 2005, applicants elect the invention of Group III, identifying Claims 7-10 as readable on the elected invention.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed based on MPEP §803, which states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the outstanding restriction requirement is respectfully traversed on the

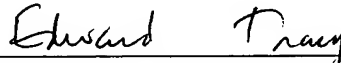
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grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-10 be conducted.

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